(5) No definite information is available.
(6) The Assistant Engineer.
(7) 14th Mithunam 1103.
(8) Anicut readings are not generally taken during closure periods.
(9) Yes, once.
(10) No.
(11) The Irrigation Overseer.

Loans to the Trichur and Ernakulam Municipalities]

67. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(1) what was the amount lent to the Trichur Municipality and on what terms;
(2) has the Municipality repaid the amount;
(3) if not the whole, how much was paid back;
(4) what about the balance;
(5) for what purpose was the amount lent;
(6) how far was it carried out;
(7) whether there is any truth in the statement appearing in the papers that the Government have lent or are under contemplation to lend Rs. 50,000 to the Ernakulam Municipality?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(1) Advances and loans outstanding are:—

(a) An advance of Rs. 15,000 in 1097 for disbursement to parties for tiling houses. This was repayable in 6 annual instalments—interest on the loan being 2 per cent payable annually.

(b) A loan of Rs. 42,128-0-8 for general works of Town Improvement repayable in 20 years the rate of interest being 5 per cent payable half-yearly.

(2) Not fully.

(3) Out of the first a sum of Rs. 13,495 has been paid and a sum of Rs. 14,512-0-8 towards the second.

(4) It has to be repaid.

(5) The advance was for tiling houses and the loan was for general Town Improvement.

(6) Fully carried out.

(7) Yes. A loan of Rs. 50,000 has been sanctioned to the Ernakulam Municipality.

Late Salt Contractor Mr. Arunachalam Chettiar.

68. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether orders were passed on the petitions of Mr. Arunachalam Chettiar, the late salt contractor of the State, submitted to the Government on (1) 5th Makaram 1100, (2) 1st Dhanu 1100, (3) 10th Medam 1100 and (4) 29th Karkadagam

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